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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

THANK YOU VENDORS

Thanks to our vendors for participating in the SAFER Preparedness Expo on Saturday:

Majors Home Improvements <http://www.majorshomeimprovement.com/>

1st Choice Home Improvements <http://www.1stchoicehomeimprovements.com/>

Wal Mart

Bath Fitters <http://www.bathfitter.com/>

Numerous non profits and government agencies like the Red Cross, United Way of Santa Rosa, SRC Sheriff's Office, Seniors Against Crime, Department of Children and Families, Center for Independent Living, CERT, Escambia Emergency Management, Santa Rosa Emergency Management, Santa Rosa Flood manager, SRC extension service and others.

A special thank you to our sponsors, **Hometown Contractors**

<http://www.hometowncontractorsinc.com/> and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and our volunteers from Interfaith ministries, and the Gulf Breeze Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS).

EXCELLENT NEWS FROM SANTA ROSA BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

We have some great news and wanted to share with you! At this time we have **FIVE** investigators registered for the Getting Ahead classes beginning June 18th. Bagdad United Methodist Church has provided us a place to meet for the class and Bagdad Elementary has provided us a place to provide child care for the investigators. Several school board employees have graciously volunteered to assist with child care. So things are moving along nicely!

However, we do have a few more needs. We need nine more meals to be provided for 30-35 individuals. Meals may be sponsored by an individual or an organization (those who have currently signed up have been from both). Simply send me an email and I'll add you to the list. If you have a particular date in mind, let me know. When the list is complete, I'll send it out. We also would like to get the word out as we need a minimum of 10 more investigators. As such, I have attached the flyer/registration form for your convenience. So take a few moments to think about those individuals you come into contact with who would benefit from these classes!



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SANTA ROSA COUNTY BRIDGES GETTING AHEAD!!!

We have WONDERFUL News!!! Beginning today, we are starting registration for our first Getting Ahead Class! Attached, please find the registration flier. For our first course, we will enroll 12 investigators. If you know someone who could benefit from the course who will make the commitment to attend, please pass this brochure along to them. Register no later than June 4, 2013!

Please see below the progress we have made and the items we still need to address!

Getting Ahead Course Dates

✓ June 18, 20, 25, 27 July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 Aug. 1, 6, 8

✓ LOCATION- Bagdad United Methodist!



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✓ MEALS

Church or other organization to provide meals (light supper for 30). So far we have offers to provide a meal from:

- ✓ Leslie Bell- Sodexo
- ✓ Peggy Armstrong
- ✓ Raymond Sullivan
- ✓ Bagdad United Methodist

We still need other individuals or organizations to provide a meal or two.

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS :School Board employees or others who have a Level II Background Clearance

MENTORS FOR GRADS! We need 12 mentors!

BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR EMPLOYMENT: Blackwater Bistro, Sodexo, Workforce ESCAROSA and Spiritworks. **We need more business partners!**
Business to participate in a job fair for GA Graduates!

Dr. Karen R. Barber Director of Federal Programs Office (850)983-5001

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

[Download Your Hurricane Checklist](#)

Hurricane season officially begins Saturday and forecasters are predicting another above-average season with 13 to 20 named storms, including 7 to 11 hurricanes. [Click here](#) for more information about the 2013 Hurricane Season Forecast.

In honor of [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#), Agility has put together the following resources to help prepare your business, employees and community.

- **Hurricane Preparedness Checklist:** Download Agility's comprehensive checklist detailing the various steps to take before, during and after a hurricane.
- **Red Cross Hurricane App:** Download the American Red Cross Hurricane App to monitor conditions in your area, prepare your family and home, and let others know you are safe even if the power is out.
- **Hurricane Webinar:** View Agility's Hurricane Preparedness webinar for information on the 2013 Long Range Tropical Forecast and steps you can take to prepare your organization for the storms ahead.

2013 SANTA ROSA COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Santa Rosa County Division of Emergency Management's latest all-hazards disaster guide is now available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov (click [here](#) for a direct link) and starting the week of June 3 at county offices and libraries, local chambers of commerce, and local retailers including Walmart, Winn Dixie and Publix. This year's 56-page guide includes new and updated information on what to do before, during and after a wide variety of disasters that could impact our area. Churches, civic groups, and businesses may request multiple copies at no charge for distribution as supplies allow by calling Santa Rosa County Emergency Management at (850) 983-5360.

With hurricane season beginning Saturday, June 1, emergency management would like to remind citizens that the key to reducing the impact of a disaster on you and your family is to *have a plan, get a kit and stay informed*. Following the tips found in the latest disaster guide will reduce the stress of last minute preparations and can save lives, money, and help reduce damage to homes, boats and businesses. Residents are also encouraged to learn what hurricane evacuation zone they live in by visiting www.santarosa.fl.gov/gis before a storm threatens Santa Rosa County.

New for the 2013 hurricane season is the use of the terms "recommended" and "mandatory" when evacuation orders are issued. If Santa Rosa County falls in the hurricane cone of probability, citizens should take the following actions if an evacuation is issued by emergency management for their hurricane evacuation zone:

- Recommended evacuation - residents in the called evacuations zones are encouraged to seek refuge on their own initiative and independently find accommodations in a safe area, ideally with family or friends living in an area not within the called evacuation zone(s).
- Mandatory evacuation - residents in a specific zone must evacuate the area of danger. It is illegal to stay in a home under a mandatory evacuation order. During a mandatory evacuation, there will be no excessive force used to remove patrons, but next of kin or emergency contact information will be requested. Access to areas may be restricted for the sole purpose of property protection.

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management issues the annual free publication as a general guideline to follow when preparing for disasters. As seen in the past, hurricanes are not the only disasters that face residents. Santa Rosa County Emergency Management urges citizens to be prepared and have a plan for all potential disasters. The disaster guide is funded by an Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Base grant for public awareness and education.

USO HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL GOLF FOR HEROES TOURNAMENT

Teams are now registering to play in the 2nd Annual Golf for Heroes Tournament to be held onboard Pensacola Naval Air Station on June 14th. Space is limited, but still available for this 4-person scramble tournament at the beautiful A.C. Read Golf Course onboard NAS Pensacola. The USO NWFL serves over 20,000 troops per month in three centers, providing a home away from home. All proceeds will benefit USO programs and services right here in Northwest Florida. There will be prizes up for grabs at the tournament such as a jet ski with trailer from Pensacola Motorsports, a Jeep Wrangler from Hill Kelly Jeep Dodge, and \$10,000 cash from Ted Ciano Automotive. There will also be raffle prizes such as free golf, hotel stays, restaurant gift cards, jewelry, and more. Registration fees are \$75 per person (\$70 for active duty military) and include lunch, greens fee, range balls, cart, goodie bag, and after-tournament appetizers. Lunch will be served from 11am-12:30pm and the tournament begins at 1pm with a shotgun start. Deadline to register is Friday June 7th and can be done online at www.golfforheroes.eventbrite.com/#. For more information or to inquire about sponsorships or volunteer opportunities, please contact USO Programs Manager, Dana Cervantes at dcervantes@uso.org or 850-455-8280 Option #4.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROGRAM

Who? Youth, Grades K - 5

When? June 10th - August 14th Mon - Fri, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm



2013 Boys & Girls
Club Summer Program

FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH TRAINING & JOBS: A COMMUNITY AND COLLEGE COMMITMENT

June 24th and 25th

The conference is open to the business community, community service agencies and organizations, and educational institutions in our area. The outcome of the conference will be a community action plan for recruiting, enrolling, and graduating low-income individuals, and placing them in jobs.

Please join us as we:

Hear from speakers who have led successful programs

Discuss barriers that low-income students face

Learn about training programs available at the college

Find out about plans for developing new jobs in our region



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"WHO YA' GONNA CALL? YOUR TOWN'S RADIO HAMS!" PUBLIC DEMO OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS JUNE 22-23

Despite the Internet, cell phones, email and modern communications, every year whole regions find themselves in the dark. Tornadoes, fires, storms, ice and even the occasional cutting of fiber optic cables leave people without the means to communicate. In these cases, the one consistent service that has never failed has been Amateur Radio. These radio operators, often called "hams" provide backup communications for everything from the American Red Cross to FEMA and even for the International Space Station. Your Town's "hams" will join with thousands of other Amateur Radio operators showing their emergency capabilities this weekend.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America including the California wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide. When trouble is brewing, Amateur Radio's people are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications. On the weekend of June 22-23, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with Navarre ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about as hams across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country. Their slogan, "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 35,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

The fastest way to turn a crisis into a total disaster is to lose communications," said Allen Pitts of the ARRL. "From the earthquake and tsunami in Japan to tornadoes in Missouri, ham radio provided the most reliable communication networks in the first critical hours of the events. Because ham radios are not dependent on the Internet, cell towers or other infrastructure, they work when nothing else is available. We need nothing between us but air."

In the Navarre area, the Navarre Community Emergency Response Team Armature Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Navarre Beach on June 22-23, 2013. They invite the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

Amateur Radio is growing in the US. There are now over 700,000 Amateur Radio licensees in the US, and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Services program, ham volunteers provide both emergency communications for thousands of state and local emergency response agencies and non-emergency community services too, all for free.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergency-radio.org. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. They can even help you get on the air!

POC Dane Luckey, 850-602-0098. luckey@mchsi.com.

SAFE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU SHERIFF WENDELL HALL FOR PROVIDING HALF OF THE INITIAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT! As indicated in [this article](#) we are prepared to send in the letter of intent for the SAFE Communities Program. All we need to do is raise the other half of the application fee, which is \$600.00. Once we send in the Letter of Intent, we can then finalize the application and submit it. The next step will be paying travel, room and board for two evaluators to come to our community and assess what we are doing. For more information on the SAFE Communities program, go to the SAFER webpage and look for the "safe communities" link on the left side of the page www.safersantarosa.org.

Why is this important to all of us in Santa Rosa? We can use a Safe Community designation to assist with economic development, tourism, avoid BRAC, and just to brag about what a great place Santa Rosa is. When we get this designation we will be 1 of 4 counties in the entire country to have it. Help us make this goal a reality. SAFER has a paypal account and donation information on our webpage.

BLUEBERRY BASH INFORMATION!

The Arc Santa Rosa, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many of the people that we serve also possess secondary disabilities such as hearing, visual and physical impairments, which reduce their chances to live an autonomous life in our community. Our essential services such as Supported Employment, Supported Living, Adult Day Training, and In-home Support, facilitate their ability to live as independently as they possibly can.

This year's event is **Saturday, June 22nd from 8:00 until 2:00** and will be held at The Arc facility at 6225 Dixie Road in Milton – which is approximately 4 miles South of NAS Whiting Field on Highway 87. We like to offer a variety of local Arts, Crafts, Food and other vendors to go along with the **Blueberries and Plant Sale** that day.

This year, we will kick the festivities off with an "old fashion" blueberry cook off! This event will start the evening before the Blueberry Bash Festivities begin. Celebrity judges will vote on the very best blueberry dish. Categories will include adult and youngsters' dishes.

The Blueberry Bash begins early Saturday morning @ 7:30 am with a 5 K run for adults and youngsters. Our 5K run is an enjoyable run through our lovely scenic neighborhood.

Music, food and craft activities start after the run is completed and runners awarded their prizes. Remember folks, this all goes for a great cause! We look forward to seeing all of you.

Ann Smith Executive Director The Arc Santa Rosa, Inc. Phone: 850-623-9320



4th Annual Blueberry Bash Sponsorship Form



2013 Blueberry Bash 5 K Form



2013 Blueberry Bash Vendor Form



2013 HURRICANE SEASON – PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS

We have all witnessed the devastating effects a hurricane can have on a community. And as we edge closer to the start of the 2013 season, the time for preparation is now.

To help businesses, employees and communities prepare, Agility has created an easy to implement hurricane preparedness checklist.

- [Click here to download Agility's Hurricane Preparedness Checklist](#)

When a hurricane or any other disaster strikes, Agility will rescue your business with turnkey recovery solutions and services. In 24 years, we have rescued thousands of businesses after a disaster and have never failed.

For more information on how Agility can help your organization plan, prepare and recover from a disaster, call 866.364.9696 or visit www.agilityrecovery.com.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY SANTA ROSA JULY 10, 2013

Please take a moment to SAVE THE DATE for our next Bridges Steering Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the Russell Center located on Locklin Technical Center's campus. I have attached a copy of the current flyer (which includes address and phone information for Locklin). If you would, please send me an RSVP and let me know if you plan to attend the meeting.



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Dawn N. Stone 850-983-5237

SMART PHONE EMERGENCY AND ISASTER APPLICATIONS

If you own a smart phone, these links feature applications for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery:

- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>
- <http://www.fema.gov/smartphone-app>
- <http://www.vaemergency.gov/News/readyvirginia/mobileapp>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-iphone-and-ipad.html>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-android.html>
- <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/mobile-app-for-emergency-preparedness-220792>
- http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Smartphone_Apps
- <http://www.google.org/crisisresponse/>

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to 562 people! Invite friends. *Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.* Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. The user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required.

Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

FREE FIRST AND IFIRST-2 TRAININGS

USF CLPHP will be hosting two additional trainings in the panhandle at the **Okaloosa County Emergency Management**:



FIRST and IFIRST-2
Region 1 6-18+19-20

1. **Field Investigator Response and Surveillance Training (FIRST)** on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013** and
2. **Intermediate Field Investigator Response and Surveillance Training 2 (IFIRST-2)** on **Wednesday, June 19, 2013**

I have attached a document that provides program information and registration instructions. Please share this opportunity with others who would be interested in attending and register **as soon as possible** to secure a spot in the training. **The final registration deadline is Thursday, June 13, 2013 by 11:59pm.**

IS-42: SOCIAL MEDIA IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-42>

JUST IN TIME DISASTER TRAINING VIDEO ON-LINE LIBRARY - LAUNCHED



The Disaster Resistant Communities Group LLC (DRCG) has just launched a unique Just In Time Disaster Training Video Library.

The purpose of this on-line library is to provide a single, easy to search source in which individuals, agencies and organizations can access Just In Time Disaster Training Videos.

The videos found in this library cover disaster related preparedness, response and recovery training for a wide variety areas.

The library can be accessed at this web site: www.drc-group.com/project/jitt.html

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

10 Worst Things to Donate After a Disaster

<http://money.howstuffworks.com/10-worst-things-donate-after-disaster.htm>

NOAA predicts active 2013 Atlantic hurricane season

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2013/20130523_hurricaneoutlook_atlantic.html

New bird flu strain may be capable of spreading from human to human-study

<http://www.trust.org/item/20130524102744-w2bm4/?source=hptop>

New SARS-like virus is a 'threat to the entire world'

http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/28/health/france-coronavirus-death/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

The Biggest Warning Signs of Mental Illness in Children

<http://blogs.psychcentral.com/bipolar-life/2013/05/the-biggest-warning-signs-of-mental-illness-in-children/>

10 Things To Never Say To A Person In A Wheelchair

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/24/10-things-never-say-person-wheelchair_n_3332764.html

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, Stress Isn't Virtual

<http://www.sm4em.org/2013/05/stress-isnt-virtual/>

The Next Pandemic: Not if, but When

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/10/opinion/the-next-pandemic-is-closer-than-you-think.html?smid=fb-share>

Lessons Learned About the Social Toll of Major Disasters

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Lessons-Learned-About-Social-Toll-Major-Disasters.html>

Long-Term Recovery Planning: What You Need to Know

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Developing-Long-Term-Recovery-Plan.html>

Using Social Media as a Crisis Management Tool INFOGRAPHIC

<http://socialmediatoday.com/ritu-pant/1431711/using-social-media-crisis-management-tool>

US invokes emergency act to keep H7N9 flu at bay

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21829164.200-us-invokes-emergency-act-to-keep-h7n9-flu-at-bay.html>

Smartphone App Allows Emergency Public Officials to Warn Users of Extreme Weather Events and Fast-moving, Dangerous Situations

http://www.hstoday.us/single-article/smartphone-app-allows-emergency-public-officials-to-warn-users-of-extreme-weather-events-and-fast-moving-dangerous-situations/405c71eb5e720e08121cd53eea13122a.html?qoback=%2Egde_133264_member_235773639

PSA -- Ready.gov -- Disaster planning for Special needs and Disabilities- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThWgdLRRkPg>

Family Violence after Natural Disaster Training

http://www.whealth.com.au/work_family_violence_after_disaster.html

Housing Status Plays a Surprisingly Large Role in Post-Disaster Distress

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/housing/2013/04/getting-people-housed-after-disasters-should-be-cities-top-priority/5397/>

CDC Health Alert Network, Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H7N9) Viruses

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/han00344.asp>

Moving Beyond "Special Needs": A Function Based Framework for Emergency Management and Planning

<http://www.jik.com/KailesEndersbeyond.pdf>

Hurricane forecast: Above-average Atlantic season

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/04/10/2013-atlantic-hurricane-season-forecast-colorado-state/2067953/>

Hurricane emergency managers struggle to get public to listen to warnings

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/03/hurricane_emergency_managers_s.html

7 Tips for Delivering Effective Emergency Notifications
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/7-Tips-Effective-Emergency-Notifications.html>

Lawmakers: Small businesses vital to disaster recovery
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/03/14/landrieu-small-businesses-aid-disasters/1988155/>

Social Media Metrics for Federal Agencies
<http://www.howto.gov/social-media/using-social-media-in-government/metrics-for-federal-agencies>

Is There a Place for Social Media in Public Safety?
<http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/Pagenkop-Social-Media-in-Public-Safety>

Humanize It: The Impact of Social Media on Emergency Management
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disasters20/humanize-emergency-management-via-socialmedia-021213.html>

Natural disasters have unexpected impacts on mental health
<http://theconversation.edu.au/natural-disasters-have-unexpected-impacts-on-mental-health-11573>

Disaster Behavioral Health: Current Assets and Capabilities
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/dbh-capabilities.aspx>

Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Incident Mobility Disability among Elders: The Hazards of Poverty <http://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/8088460>

Evacuation and Sheltering of People with Medical Dependencies – Knowledge Gaps and Barriers to National Preparedness <http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.2>

Integration of Social Determinants of Community Preparedness and Resiliency in 21st Century Emergency Management Planning <http://www.hsaj.org/?article=8.1.14>

How to Counsel Kids after a Disaster
<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4085/updates/how-counsel-kids-after-disaster>

Hey, Kid, You Could Be a 'Disaster Hero'
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/01/29/170575657/hey-kid-you-could-be-a-disaster-hero>

Episode 4, Disaster and Preparedness: Should I Stay or Should I Go?- Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs&feature=youtu.be

Zombies and Preparedness: Five tips for using metaphors in exercises and outreach
<http://freeresources.lucienanton.com/2012/10/zombies-and-preparedness-five-tips-for-using-metaphors-in-exercises-and-outreach.html>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?
<http://www.rand.org/blog/2012/06/why-arent-americans-listening-to-disaster-preparedness.html>

